

House Resolution No. 1999

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize young men who have excelled during their association with the Boy Scouts of America program with its emphasis on physical, mental, and spiritual growth; self-reliance; personal values; service to others; and an appreciation and understanding of the wonderful natural world; and

Whereas, Thomas Keith Parks, Jr., of Troop 858 in O'Fallon successfully completed all of the stringent requirements for Scouting's highest advancement award, the rank of Eagle Scout, which will be bestowed upon him during an Eagle Court of Honor on Saturday, April 26, 2003, at the Dardenne Presbyterian Church of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri; and

Whereas, attainment of the Eagle Scout rank for Thomas was dependent upon the sequential completion of each of the Boy Scout steps of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life, and service in such leadership offices as Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Bugler, Troop Guide, and Troop Guide Instructor; and

Whereas, diligent labors by Keith earned him twenty-four merit badges, the Arrow of Light, Veteran Hiker status for a trip to Shiloh, Tennessee, and induction into the Order of the Arrow; and

Whereas, in keeping with Boy Scout practice, Keith applied the knowledge which he learned at troop meetings in such camping, hiking, and service activities as Scouting for Food, three summer camps, St. Louis Area Council Xtreme Scouting at Forest Park, and a Boundary Waters High Adventure float near Ely, Minnesota; and

Whereas, Keith planned and carried out a required Eagle Service Project which consisted of installing a new brick patio and rose garden for Dardenne Presbyterian Church; and

Whereas, a freshman at Fort Zumwalt West High School, Keith is on the Honor Roll, Varsity Swim Team, and Varsity Marching Band and is active at his church and in its Puppet Ministry:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the outstanding achievements realized by Keith Parks during his long sojourn with Scouting and to congratulate him for having the drive and energy necessary to attain the rank of Eagle; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for new Eagle Scout Thomas Keith Parks, Jr., son of Thomas Keith Parks, Sr., and Louise Marie Keener Parks of St. Peters.

Offered by _____
Representative Cynthia Davis
District No. 19

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1999, adopted April 21, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker